To the Urban Council of Ledbury -

Ledbury
Feb 10/03

Gentlemen

I beg to report that during the past year there have been registered in my district 74 Births, 37 Boys & 37 girls 7 of which were illegitimate - making a Birth rate of 23 per 1000 of the population & 72 deaths, of which 35 were over 60 years of age, 16 over 70 years & 7 over 80 years of age. Twelve of the deaths occurred in non-residents - which makes the death rate 18.1 per 1000 of the population The deaths under one year are the same as last year namely 8 as against an average of 10 for the Seven previous years -

The chief causes of death (besides senile decay) were Heart-disease 8, Phthisis 6, Cancer 6, Bronchitis 5 and

Pneumonia 4 –
Whooping Cough was prevalent in the autumn & resulted in 2 deaths –
8 cases of Diphtheria & 6 cases of Scarlet fever were notified to me but – no fatal case of either occurred –
The Slaughter Houses, Bakeries and Lodging Houses have been regularly visited & generally found in a satisfactory condition –
There is a weekly Collection of all refuse & ashes by means of a Scavenging cart throughout the town.
I have from time to time examined samples of well water, and where found unfit to drink have ordered the well cleaned out or the town water laid on –

I am
Yr obedt
Miles A Wood
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